Assembly Members Present: Haedyn Christie (QSU), Jose Cadenas (Cowell), Yang Kong (Cowell), Seamus Howard (Cowell), Colin Hortman (Stevenson), Kyra Brandt (Stevenson), Andrew Paolini (Crown), Alternate Cooper (Crown), Alternate Saalini (Crown), Chandler Moeller (Merrill), Alexandra Kasper (Merrill), Roxanna Gutierrez (Porter), Adham Taman (Porter), Winnie Sidhu (Kresge), Jackie Roger (Kresge), Suini Torres (Oakes), Alternate Kiana Coleman, Roshni Advani (Eight), Simba Khadder (Eight), Sam Shaw (Nine), Lance McNeil (Nine), Shubhankar Sharan (Nine), Ramneet Bajwa (Ten), Vanessa Sadsad (Ten), Brad Mleynek (OD), Max Huff (CoAA), Israel Molina (CoD), Louise Cabansay (EVC), Kaysi Wheeler (IVC), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Assembly Members Absent: Art Motta (MEChA), Cristal Gonzalez (SANAI), Ricardo Sainz (Stevenson), Aykezar Adil (Crown), Michael Markson (Crown), Kartik Ashok (Merrill), Serene Jneid (Porter), Shannon Earl (Kresge), Kiana Coleman (Oakes), Tamra Owens (Oakes), Ray Inoue (Eight), Daniel Iglesias (Ten).

Approval of the Agenda:

Louise: Move to strike the resolution and add discussion for 10 minutes for the bylaw after Funding Requests.

Israel: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Colin: Motion to approve.

Seamus: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Reading of the Previous Meeting’s Minutes

Colin: Motion to approve.

Seamus: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Concurrence Items:

SOFA RSO Funding Request Recommendations

Justin: We have $12000 to award, SOFA came up with $11,746.60 as recommendations.

FishRapLive! Requested $581.60
Recommended: $581.60.

Vanessa: Objection.

UCSC Sailing: Requested $3373

Recommended: $450

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, the assembly concurs.

Familia X: Requested $1500

Recommended: $1500

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, the assembly concurs.

SHPE: Requested $7720

Recommended: $1000

Colin: Objection.

UCSC Surf Team: Requested $925

Recommended: $925

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, the assembly concurs.

NSBE: Requested $450

Recommended: $450

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, the assembly concurs.

Student Media: Requested $5000

Recommended: $1020

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, the assembly concurs.

Medieval Club: Requested $2000

Recommended: $600

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, the assembly concurs.

ASU: Requested $2450

Recommended: $2000
Brad: **Objection.**

**KASA:** Requested $200

*Recommended:* $200

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **the assembly concurs.**

**Students and Mathematics:** Requested $200

*Recommended:* $200

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **the assembly concurs.**

**Group Folklorico Los Mejicas Requested** $862.40

*Recommended:* $700

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **the assembly concurs.**

**BMU:** Requested $600

*Recommended:* $600

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **the assembly concurs.**

**FPC:** Requested $250

*Recommended:* $250

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **the assembly concurs.**

**Banana Slug News:** Requested $400

*Recommended:* $370

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **the assembly concurs.**

**MSA:** Requested $600

*Recommended:* $600

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **the assembly concurs.**

**MESH:** Requested $300

*Recommended:* $300

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **the assembly concurs.**
**Announcements and Public Comment:**

Louise: Recently I was contacted by Evolve which is coalition of groups working on Prop 13 reform. Prop 13 is why we have tuition and there will be a reformed Prop 13 bill introduced and if I can secure 40 students to go on May 7th to the capitol for this rally that they will send a bus for us to take students. Please spread the word. If you have any questions, contact me.

Andy: I work under Louise, the office of external affairs is having a day of education for the pipeline and we will be working with a few organizations that work against the pipeline and we will have a speaker from UC Berkeley who spent 8 years in solitary confinement and it will be really cool to have him out there. There will be food and workshops and outlets for you to engage. It’s on May 9th from 12-4 PM at C8 at the plaza.

Israel: I got a flyer in my email about an event that the office of diversity and inclusion is putting on they are bringing a speaker on campus who is the draft writer of MLK junior and it will be at 7 PM at the music center recital hall on May 4th.

Shubhankar: We have over 850 responses, if you haven’t already, get people to take the survey. We will be making all this information public and I’ll probably cut it off this week and show you all the results soon.

Simba: There’s work going on a bus app that will track the loops and the buses on campus and in the next month or two will be released.

Brad: Sunday was the campus cleanup day and we had a turn up of over 250 and we picked up 500 pounds of trash on campus. It was really all this micro trash that’s in the soil and we picked up probably over 1000 cigarette butts. It was a great event to see students at and overall it went really well. We’re looking at another event soon at the end of the year to do something like a clothing exchange or an item exchange.

Kaysi: I’ve been working on the UCSC’s talent show this Friday at 9/10 from 7-10 PM and we have 10 finalists and definitely come out and show support. There will be refreshments.

**Funding Requests:**

**Float to Vote Dive-In Movie Sponsorship**

Colin: *Motion to table.*

Vanesssa: *Second.*


**Immigrant Youth Empowerment Conference Sponsorship Request:**

Vanessa: *Motion to table.*
Israel: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

**Black Politics and State Violence Panel Funding Request Deliberation:**

Brad: Seeing the SOFA requests and seeing that we were under the 12,000 mark and this is an RSO, I think we should toss this in too or if we have leftover funds, look into funding for that. **Motion to table this after the SOFA deliberation.**

Chandler: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

**Talent Show General Programming Request Deliberation:** Requested $650

Israel: **Motion to fully fund.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

**Movie Event General Programming Request Deliberation:** Requested $2000.

Shubhankar: I’ve submitted a reservation for May 9th from 4-midnight. There will be designated time slots for intermissions. Ayke also procured a list of charities that we could choose from and I’m hoping that we’ll be able to vote on that later.

Chandler: **Motion to table this after the SOFA deliberations.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Roshni: **Objection.**

**Vote to table:**

In favor: 8 | Opposed: 13 | Abstentions: 4, **motion fails.**

Shubhankar: So the charities we have right now are the American Red Cross, Save Our Shores, Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz, Walnut Avenue Women’s Center, Defense de Mujeres, WomenCare, Homeless Garden Project, Resource Center for Non-Violence, Santa Cruz AIDS Project, and Santa Cruz Animal Shelter.

Roshni: I work at the Boys & Girls Club and they run solely on donations and they charge a very minimal fee for a year long membership. In addition, the animal shelter is always looking for donations.
Lance: I also work at the Boys and Girls Club and I am one that really advocates for these students because there are a lot of needs there and not a lot of resources. When we are working we are limited there, and the Boys & Girls Club actually does try to keep those at risk to keep them out of the streets. It provides them a safe space.

Brad: **Motion to have the three charities Boys & Girls Club, the Defense de Mujeres, and SC County Animal Shelter.**

Roshni: **Second.**

Jackie: **Objection.** I love animals but I think it would be cool having our name going to something that helps people, the other thing I say is that I don’t think that we should sponsor the big national ones. In the end, the non profit orgs are always in need of money.

Andrew: I feel strange if we’re voting on which charities to vote on if we haven’t even funded the event yet, and I do agree that we should stick to the local charities.

Shubhankar: I would rather have just conducted a straw pull to see how many people wanted for each charity.

Brad: **Rescind motion.**

Vanessa: **Motion to extend by five minutes.**

Kyra: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Shubhankar: **Motion to fund $1204.38 from SUA programming and the rest from General Fund.**

Vanessa: **Second.**

Chandler: **Objection.** I don’t feel comfortable funding for a movie event when we haven’t figured out the SOFA funds.

Lance: I just want to express that we should look at each funding request individually.

Chandler: I’d just feel comfortable hearing from both presentations first. From reading this, they are asking for $1000.

Seamus: **Call to question.**

Roshni: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**
Vote on motion to fund 2000:

In favor: 12 | Opposed: 6 | Abstentions: 10, motion passes.

Brad: Under 2.a.1, “An undergraduate campus wide email will be sent out to all students providing the same information.” and the second one would be “All mandatory funding applications for undergraduate student organizations wishing to access funds will be made online at sua.ucsc.edu.”. Finally, “All parties which receive funding from any SUA elective office/commission for funding requests in reserve funds”, we could input student groups instead.

Colin: Motion to adopt.

Brad: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

SUA Logo:
Shubhankar: Motion to reopen the contest and take new submissions.

Israel: Second.
Tamra: Objection. We have already taken a while to get these up here.

Brad: So I’ll talk to my office, but I’m gonna propose that starting next Monday, we will open up the application again and leave it open for May and Sunday may 31st would be the deadline for submission and then we would finalize at the last meeting.

Seamus: Could we reach out to the people who have already submitted to see if they want to revise their drawing.

Israel: Call for acclamation.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, the assembly concurs.

Vanessa: Motion to take up the Immigrant Youth Empowerment Conference Sponsorship Request.

Unknown: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Immigrant Youth Empowerment Conference Sponsorship Request:

We are here on behalf of Students Informing Now. We are here to present a proposal on the immigrant youth conference its one of the biggest undocumented conferences and it’s very open. The workshops range from how to be an ally and how to apply to college or grad school. As well as workshops on activism and professional development. They have over 100 workshops. The
big part that SUA emphasize is diversity and this conference is a huge part of diversity. I think the conference and the movement is to unite all intersectionalities. They are really emphasizing the intersectionalities of being undocumented and creating a change in that. Another thing that we want to do, and if I’m not mistaken, UCSC is the second largest campus with undocumented students. This is something that we’ve been working with EOP and we’re planning on doing workshops this summer for individuals coming here. This is something that could really benefit our campus. another thing is that parents are also going to be there. When we talk to parents, we get a better sense of what parents need and what their students need. This opportunity provides a space for allies to feel the larger community. We have a member who went to the conference last year and she really loved it and she found it very inspiring and she felt very safe and she felt the overwhelming support for the undocumented community. We are asking for $1740. There are 8 of us going and we are using $920 for hotels, and we are using university vans for this transportation. We are asking $1125 for transportation and $250 for food.

Lance: How are you choosing who goes?

SIN: It is for the SIN members. Students informing now isn’t that large of a group and we are also taking newer members.

Brad: When is the event?

SIN: May 24th.

Vanessa: I’d like to exercise my right as an assembly member to motion to fund fully, from general fund.

Jose: Second.

Andrew: Objection, I just want to ask more questions before voting on this right away

Seamus: Could we let them finish?

Andrew: I noticed that we are your only funding source and I was wondering if you are going to other funding sources.

SIN: Something that we have done in the past is that we have asked other colleges for other events that we have throughout the year. We’ve exhausted the funding that we could ask from college.

Vanessa: Motion to extend five minutes.

Jose: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.
Vanessa: Reserve my right to make a motion, I want to preface the importance of conference that promotes student developments and creating allies and a space for students that feel like they don’t have a place. I think that doing this for the community here and I don’t think that it’s enough to fight for work study grants and I think that it sets a precedent, call to question.

Adham: Second.

Seamus: Objection.

In favor: 7 | Opposed: 11 | Abstentions: 19, call to question fails.

Seamus: Can we let our guests finish?

Andrew: I understand the want to get this over tonight, but I feel kind of strange voting on this while our guests are still here.

Brad: I know that it’s not the norm for us to have the presenters present during the funding deliberation, but I do want to remind the space that this isn’t our space, this is the entire undergraduate space, then they can because this is just as much as our space. They’re more than welcome to stay here. I think that any funding request should be going back to the college space anyway. It’s not wrong to vote on it either.

Kaysi: Motion to extend 10 minutes.

Seamus: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Simba: Reserve my right to make a motion, traditionally we wait and we talk to our colleges, so motion to table until next meeting.

Chandler: Second.

Vanessa: Objection.

In favor: 15 | Opposed: 8 | Abstentions: 5, motion to table passes.

Dive in Movie Request:

We are holding this event on May 15th during voting period and the pool will open at 7 PM. UCSC has never done this before and this event will be free to the UCSC public. In the pool we have seating for about 600 people and outside the pool we have 500. We ask people to bring blankets and sleeping bags. We are having polling stations at OPERS as well. If they don’t want to vote then that’s fine, they are still allowed to come to the event. I myself am putting together a referendum and it’s a lot of people around me. We would also invite you all to be there for the event. Hopefully this will help us to get to the threshold that we need. We have flyers
everywhere and city on the hill press is putting in an ad for us. I’m trying to get the word out there as much as possible. The whole event is $1000, $400 to rent the movie and $600 for media usage. We will have 5 or 6 life guards there. This will be a fundraiser for the pool team and also they are going to rent the equipment and they are donating their kickboards and there will be floaty tubes and we also encourage people to bring their own food. I am asking $350. With the $250. If you’d like to come down I would be happy to have you all as a sponsor.

Justin: Is this event just encouraging students to vote or vote for the referenda? The reason is because SUA hasn’t taken an official stance on the referenda and we can’t spend money for any endorsement-type events.

There won’t be any kind of advertisement in that area.

Max: I just want to know why you have to put “sponsored by measure 62”.

I don’t want to speak for them but I don’t think they see as wanting to sponsor that. What I mean by having the referenda being sponsored by measure 62 is that I want it to be completely neutral and I don’t want advertisement in that area. I don’t want to be sketch and I want to be as non-biased event.

Brad: How many students have been working on this event?

I have the SAC working on it, anywhere from 20-30 and the swim team to get the advertisements out there so I have about 40-50 athletes or students that are working on it.

Adham: So that’s about a quarter of the people who would benefit from the athletics referendum

They are the only people that I have to work with.

Vanessa: **Motion for a two minutes recess.**

Lance: **Second.**

Chandler: **Objection.**

Vote to recess:

In favor: **11** | Opposed: **2** | Abstentions: **8**, **two minute recess.**

**Budget Discussion:**

Andrew: **Motion to table the budget discussion.**

Unknown: **Second.**

Colin: **Objection.**
In favor: 27 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 2. tabling budget discussion.

SOFA Discussion Items:

FishRap Live!

Brad: I love the FishRap Live!, and if we were to fully fund them for the third quarter in a row, we would have funded them about 1800 for the whole year. But they have other funding sources and we’ve funded them a whole issue every single time they’ve come to us and I would like to motion to fund FishRapLive $0.

Colin: Second.

Jose: Objection.

Andrew: Did anyone in SOFA ask if they had any other funding sources?

Franchesca: I remember last quarter a similar conversation came up because we were talking about funding 3 different publications and my opinion was that if we don’t fund them, then it sets a precedent for other publications.

Simba: I would want to fund them fully because they are very consistent and they aren’t highballing us. They are very consistent and I read it and it affects the whole student body and it’s only 581.60. So I say we fully fund them.

Adham: Everyone reads the FishRap.

Seamus: Call to question.

Roshni: Second.

Brad: Rescind motion.

Kaysi: Motion to fully fund.

Chandler: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, the assembly concurs.

Funding: $581.60

SHPE:

Seamus: Motion to fund $1000.

Chandler: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, the assembly concurs.
Andrew: If we just go ahead and fund the ASU, we’ll still have about $253.40 which we could use for anything else. **Motion to fund ASU $2000.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **the assembly concurs.**

Simba: **Motion to pick up the platypus.**

Shubhankar: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Andrew: **Motion to fund $250,** from SOFA fund that was leftover.

Chandler: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Simba: **Motion to add 15 minutes to talk about SUGB.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Simba: An SUGB rep and I were talking and there seems to be some confusion of where SUA will be next year. Apparently SUGB still thinks that we are in the Cowell apartments and there’s confusion there and apparently the EVC told them something else. They do want us to talk to them and they are okay with us being there.

Kaysi: So I’ve been attending all the SUGB meetings, they have been in constant communication with me, and I’ve told them that we’ve talked to them about talking to EVC to being in the fiat slug room. We are at the moment talking about having soar, e-squared and the ethnic orgs have one apartment. The fiat store was going to be for SUA and that way we’re more accessible. I did relay this to them and I don’t know where the confusion lies, but I’ll talk to them about it.

Seamus: We understand the need for this and it does displace 24 Cowell students. What we talked about in senate was why not look at the chancellor’s house since he doesn’t live there.

Justin: When we met with the EVC, she said that the university doesn’t plan on having any new construction.

Jose: I know this is true, but I would like to say that, this year the Cowell apartments were under construction and half had to go to Stevenson, and half had to go off campus. We were okay with working with 2 apartments but 3 just seems like a slap to the face.
Kaysi: That issue has been brought up several times, and we have weighed the pros and cons of the Cowell apartments, but looking at the big picture, there’s barely any wiggle room and there’s just no more space on this campus. To not be able to house these 150 organizations, it’s difficult to weigh that against the 24 students. The student union is used by off campus students who commute over the hill and as a meeting space. We understand that 3 was a pushing point, but right now taking away office space is already taking away space for these orgs.

Seamus: Our main concern is that we weren’t event asked. It’s a bit distressing, and it’s a bit wrong.

Brad: I’m on Cowell’s side this time and I’ve had friends who have been couch surfing all year and I don’t want to see that happen to other students. I do agree that we should be challenging higher admin for these out of the air decisions and I’ve also been talking about other places on campus, such as community rooms, and no student lives there. I know that 150 student organizations are a lot but I don’t see that as an excuse for admin to make that kind of decision.

Andrew: Talking about challenging this as well as the crown pit, not only did the colleges have an crown pit, but we also did suspend some bylaws and maybe we should consider fighting the same way that we fought the crown pit.

Louise: One of the reasons why it’s a good idea to keep the orgs in one place is because they have an advisor that would keep the orgs together. I would actually advocate for compensation for Cowell students who are looking for housing, like maybe an extra point. I think that we could definitely ask for higher compensation.

Justin: I wanna thank the Cowell reps, this made me think in a way that I didn’t think about. I wanna share this with the EVC and we can start this discussion.

Kaysi: Right now, the SUGB is the main people who are working with EVC Galloway because they have full governance of the tenants of the Student Union. We as officers can bring it up to the EVC and we meet every Friday at 5:30 PM in the student union, the meetings are open to everyone.

Jose: I just wanted to say thank you for bringing up that option and we have talked to the provost and she is helping us write a letter. She was helping us find better methods for those 24 students.

**Budget discussion:**

Andrew: With the line item for UCSA dues, we’re not overpaying them, and their recommended minimum is $1.30 and it’s up to us whether we want to give them more, and since that amount that we are overpaying is almost $11,000. So we can either open discussion to ask the officers to meet with the chancellor to reduce the amount that we are paying.
Justin: My next meeting with the Chancellor is May 7th. If you’d like to propose something for me to bring up with him, go ahead.

Seamus: Regarding the SUA advisor, can we use the extra pay that still hasn’t been used for this year?

Justin: We do have money in the line item for the SUA advisor that we haven’t cut, but when I came up with this proposal, I avoided using carryforward funds as cushion for the budget.

Louise: Basically the carryforward will be variable but it will be set for reallocation.

Simba: Something that was brought up last meeting was maybe splitting an advisor across different groups. I’m curious to see if there are any groups that need an advisor because I feel like it’s overkill if we spend 75k from our pocket for one advisor.

Brad: I’m getting to the point where I don’t see any immediate solution to finding another group that needs an advisor. We talked about it with the officers about possibly having this person be the advisor for SFAC and trying to negotiate with EVC Galloway but we understand that that might be a difficult process. I just don’t think we can do anything about it right now.

Simba: Motion to have Justin talk to the chancellor about removing this sentence from it just because the minimum is changing and the amount is changing. We should be able to choose each year how much we pay.

Roshni: Second.

Louise: Objection, just because this is the only thing that the measure explicitly tells us what to do, I would be wary of going to the chancellor and asking him to remove a very specific sentence from this measure that was voted on by students. I would just remove the specific amount.

Justin McClendon: Can the chancellor even do that?

Justin: Things that are passed on the ballot are still up to the chancellor to enact and he can change or remove fees.

Simba: Rescind, and motion to change it to “if the fee increase is approved, at least the minimum asked from UCSA will be allocated so that UCSC will be granted automatic membership into the University of California Student Association (UC Systemwide student government).

Lance: We do want to stay transparent coming from the chancellor’s point of view and we are also showing that we are trying to help our budget.
Louise: We can have the language say “If the fee increase is approved, funds will be allocated per student per quarter to give UCSC automatic membership into UCSA.”

Simba: I rescind my motion.

Louise: Motion to approach the chancellor to change to this language.

Lance: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Simba: If we do the UCSA thing and we pay the minimum what would our deficit be?

Justin: That would save us $0.71 per year per student and that would cut off about half of the deficit.

Andrew: Line item 3111, I move to cut it from $6000 from $4000.

Simba: Second.

Louise: Objection.

Louise: That is a summer congress so I’d caution cutting anything that we have over summer and because $6000 was barely enough to send people to Oakland. Just the fact that this conference happens over the summer and not all of the delegates are on campus and you have to pick them up. It’s very minimum, $6000, where its at and we were only able to send 24 to Oakland, whereas other schools are sending 60-80 delegates.

Brad: I’m going to challenge any campus to bring this up at the next congress that there needs to be some serious reform at this, and I was very disappointed that because we could only budget for 24 students and we have the smallest budget for this conference so we have the smallest budget for these conferences. It’s no wonder that all the campaigns that UCSA picks are the ones that Berkeley or UCLA pick. I loved the UC Consent Campaign and I was happy that it was picked this year, but it was brought to the table by UCLA and UC Berkeley. I would really like to see some reform at congress and to see that each campus has the same amount of votes.

Justin McClendon: I don’t think that cutting this is a wise decision and I resonate a lot with the conference, and we don’t have a large voice there. This is a conference that gets a lot of support from students and I think it’s very influential for students to go to this and I don’t think that we should cut funding from this. It’s not like SLC, Congress is over the summer and it gets a lot of students involved in important issues. I would not cut this fund.

Seamus: I would not touch the Congress line item because this is how I got involved in SUA and I really enjoyed it and I think it really just galvanizes students to do something on their campus. we don’t really have a vote there, that’s true. We do want to have a goal but I think it’s mostly educational.
Andrew: The thing is that we need to cut from somewhere to help the deficit. On the other hand it is really educational and cutting this won’t solve the problem of us not having a voice. I thought there might be somewhere else we could cut.

Max: I got involved in SUA because my mom was telling me to go to every single resource table and I applied to this conference and I didn’t put much effort into the application. I ended up having a great time at the conference and although I’ve been to this conference so many times, I think that one or two campuses always bring up campaigns and although it’s a great conference, I question it’s efficiency of being some kind of cultivator of voice throughout the UC system.

Kaysi: **Motion to extend time by 10 minutes.**

Brad: **Second.**

Vanessa: **Objection.**

In favor: **15** | Opposed: **3** | Abstentions: **9, extension of time.**

Adham: **Call to question.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Vote on cutting UCSA Congress from $6000 to $4000.

In favor: **0** | Opposed: **25** | Abstentions: **3, motion fails.**

Brad: I wanted to bring up the conversation about the Student Lobby Conference, this conversation can include this year’s experience as well. I also wanted to talk about the 10k which is for registration and travel, the thing is that it’s held in spring quarter. My logic here is that I don’t see the conference being entirely effective as much as the actual lobby day, I think that is where students can get that new experience and seeing as it is in the Spring, that gives UCSC a few months to prepare these students for the conference. I think that that is money that we could save money on. I think that it would be really cool to send more students to it and not the Saturday and Sunday portion of it, which would save us housing costs. It would also help students grow and give those presentations. I think that if we really focused efforts here at Santa Cruz to help students throughout the year, we could take more students to the actual lobby day.

Shubhankar: I’ve been going to SLC for the last two years, and I believe its my favorite because the Saturday and Sundays are the most informative of the journey. The lobby day is there and it gets people excited, but we do that all the time with our reps here. The meat of SLC is going to the other portion and learning about new issues and what we can do about them.
Vanessa: I think that we’re on whether its future conferences that are available state or national, that we are devaluing what it does for the UC community and UCSC. I want to echo how important this is for students who attend. I think that this narrative that we’re on of cutting conferences, I think that this should be the last. And I think that if we’re willing to throw money for movies and bounce houses we need to find where our priorities are.

Andrew: I was at the lobby conference this year as well. Really this year, a lot of the value comes from the days leading up to the conference. It’s more for the experience and having a taste of what its like and getting students involved. For the conference I won’t say that the workshops weren’t that valuable, but I got to meet a lot of students with a lot of different views. I think there is cause for concern of using money that could be used for other things. There are things regarding transportation and housing that we need to maybe find something new.

Max: **Motion to extend time by 10 minutes.**

Kaysi: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Brad: I brought this up because we do need to start cutting things. I’m glad that we had this conversation because I rarely hear about these kinds of feedback.

Shubhankar: The national lobbying effort line item was new this year, how would [the EVC] evaluate it’s necessity?

Louise: We pulled from it to send buses to the tuition hike meeting. A little bit of it went to sending people to LegCon. It’s not super necessary, but a lot of the lobbying effort line item, but if you go to Sacramento via public transport, it’s going to cost a lot.

Andrew: If we could go to line item 1110. This was discussed in the SUA budget committee. If we cut $100 a month per officer we would save $7200 for the whole year.

Shubhankar: **Motion to cut the national lobbying by $1000 and rename it to general lobbying.**

Max: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Louise: The discussion about cutting officer pay, I’m low-key in favor of that. Seeing the work that the interns do in our officers, they put in a lot of hours and work to keep things running. I would be in favor of that.

Colin: I remember going to the one meeting I went to last year, but there was a lot of talk about cutting the pays of the officers. They said a lot of wise things and they do a lot of hard work.
Max: This has been something I’ve flip-flopped a million times, last year I cut my pay to help my interns. It’s strange seeing the price discrepancies. You don’t get into SUA for the money. At the end of the day, this year if pay was cut a hundred, I wouldn’t be able to pay rent. With taxes, we make about $860 per month.

Sam: So to summarize, we went over the cost of living in California and accessibility. If somebody is to actually depend on this salary for their extent of living, we calculated that the current figure is unsustainable. That was last year’s argument. This year the budget is a little more dire, and eventually these are all tough decisions.

Max: **Motion to extend by 15 minutes.**

Brad: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Louise: I’m also an RA this year, which has helped my financial situation, but looking into next year I’m living off campus and I’m having to look for a double and I won’t be an officer next year, but maybe a single shouldn’t be a benchmark. Last year the proposal was to cut a lot more than this $900 this year.

Justin: It says in the bylaws that I’m supposed to pay the officers every 22nd of the month. I try to do it with the university payroll.

Max: I’d like to **introduce to amend bylaw section E, under budget, subsection 2, hours of pay, sub section a, stipends of pay, subsection title 3, Officer pay will be set at $900 per month during Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters by agreement.**

Andrew: Reserve my right to make a motion, **proposal to change elections commissioner to $500 and for the associate elections commissioner to be $400.**

Max: **Motion to suspend section B.2 of the bylaws with the intent of voting on the two proposed amendments.**

Brad: **Second.**

Louise: **Objection.**

Cooper: I feel like the bylaws shouldn’t be suspended because our Crown reps aren’t all here.

Kaysi: I agree, we don’t have much representation from the colleges here.

Shubhankar: we barely have half of us here and we should definitely take this back to our senates.
Brad: We cut the college commission pays without going back to the colleges and we cut the sponsorship line items without going to the colleges and I don’t think that the elections pay needs that much discussion.

Jackie: I think that talking to our colleges is a good thing to do, but I kind of think that we shouldn’t accommodate people who aren’t here.

Max: We need to stop making concessions, and we need to make hard calls. Sometimes we need to make hard calls without our senates. I’m not going to spend a quarter talking about this budget. I’m very disappointed about the amount of empty seats here.

Vote to suspend bylaws:

In favor: 11 | Opposed: 7 | Abstentions: 2, motion fails.

Seamus: Motion to extend time by 2 minutes.

Chandler: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Max: At this point I think we should just end the meeting since there’s not many people here and I think that there should be heavy emphasis on staying here the whole time.

Brad: I understand that it’s midterm season and I just took a midterm just before the meeting. I was pretty stressed out and I almost didn’t come. However, if you sign up for this, you know what you’re getting yourself into. If you can’t make it, find an alternate.

Jackie: I don’t think it’s just an obligation but if we adjourn and do this next week, we create a precedent that it’s okay to not stay the whole meeting.